GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EDUCATIONAL BACKWARD AREAS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the educationally backward States and districts especially rural people in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State and Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to take steps for development of educationally backward States and districts: and

(d) if so, the details thereof. State and Union Territory-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (d) State-wise list of Special Focus Districts identified by the Ministry is Annexed. Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas scheme and the National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary level as components of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, target educationally backward blocks. During the XIth Plan, resources permitting, it is proposed to incentivise State Governments to establish one college in each district with a low Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in Higher Education, i.e. lower than the national average.